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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. This reply is in response to the Quayle Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-19 are allowed over the prior art of record. These claims have been amended slightly merely to correct typographical errors and to improve the form. Such amendments do not effect the scope of the claims and the allowability of the claims.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the inserting feature and the filtering feature recited in claims 1, 8 and 11 are not specifically shown. To overcome this drawing objection, Figure 3 has been amended at step S30. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings must be withdrawn.

Disclosure Objection

The disclosure has been objected to because of certain minor informalities. These informalities and other informalities have

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been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the objection to the disclosure must be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Reg. No.40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Replacement Sheet - Fig. 3 Drawing